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We claim:

[c1] A method in a computer system for providing information related to work package documentation, the work package documentation defining aspects of goods and/or services provided by a supplier for a contractor, the method comprising:

receiving a first request for a first user interface display page from a contractor computer;

in response to the received first request, providing the first user interface display page to the contractor computer, the first user interface display page being configured to receive information related to a work package document;

receiving the work package document information from the contractor computer;

storing the received work package document information in a database;

receiving a second request for a second display page from a supplier computer; and

in response to the received second request,

retrieving at least a first portion of the stored work package document information from the database;

generating the second display page, the second display page containing at least a second portion of the retrieved work package document information; and

providing the second display page to the supplier computer.

[c2] The method of claim 1 wherein the work package document is a statement of work.

[c3] The method of claim 1 wherein the work package document is a work schedule.

[c4] The method of claim 1 wherein the work package document is a purchase order.

[c5] The method of claim 1 wherein the first user interface display page is configured to receive first information related to the work package document and the second display page is a second user interface display page configured to receive second information related to the work package document, the method further comprising:

receiving the second work package document information from the supplier computer;

storing the received second work package document information in the database;

receiving a third request for a third display page from the contractor computer; and

in response to the received third request,

retrieving at least a third portion of the stored second work package document information from the database;

generating the third display page, the third display page containing at least a fourth portion of the retrieved second work package document information; and

providing the third display page to the contractor computer.

[c6] The method of claim 5 wherein:
the work package document is a work schedule;
the second work package document information received from the
supplier computer is work schedule update information; and
the third display page provided to the contractor computer contains at
least a portion of the work schedule update information.

[c7] The method of claim 5 wherein:
the work package document is a work schedule;
the first work package document information received from the contractor
computer includes planned schedule dates;
the second work package document information received from the
supplier computer includes actual schedule dates; and
the third display page provided to the contractor computer contains at
least a portion of the actual schedule dates received from the
supplier computer.

[c8] The method of claim 5 wherein:
the work package document is a purchase order;
the second work package document information received from the
supplier computer is purchase order update information; and
the third display page provided to the contractor computer contains at
least a portion of the purchase order update information.

[c9] The method of claim 5 wherein:
the work package document is a purchase order;
the first work package document information received from the contractor
computer includes planned expenditures;

the second work package document information received from the supplier computer includes actual expenditures; and
the third display page provided to the contractor computer contains at least a portion of the actual expenditures received from the supplier computer.

[c10] A method in a computer system for providing information related to a work project, the method comprising:

receiving a first request for a first user interface display page from a first computer;

in response to the received first request, providing the first user interface display page to the first computer, the first user interface display page configured to receive information describing a planned scope, schedule, or cost of the work project;

receiving the scope, schedule, or cost information from the first user computer;

storing the received scope, schedule, or cost information in a database;

receiving a second request for a second display page from a second computer; and

in response to the received second request,

retrieving at least a first portion of the stored scope, schedule, or cost information from the database;

generating the second display page, the second display page containing at least a second portion of the retrieved scope, schedule, or cost information; and

providing the second display page to the second computer.

[c11] The method of claim 10 wherein the first user interface display page is configured to receive information including:

- a project title;
- a project start date; and
- at least one project deliverable, the at least one project deliverable being a discrete work product to be provided as part of the work project.

[c12] The method of claim 10 wherein the second display page is a second user interface display page configured to receive second information related to the scope, schedule, or cost of the work project, the method further comprising:

- receiving the second scope, schedule, or cost information from the second computer;
- storing the received second scope, schedule, or cost information in the database;
- receiving a third request for a third display page from the first computer;
- in response to the received third request,
 - retrieving at least a third portion of the stored second scope, schedule, or cost information from the database; and
 - generating the third display page, the third display page containing at least a fourth portion of the retrieved second scope, schedule, or cost information; and
- providing the third display page to the first computer.

[c13] The method of claim 12 wherein:
the second scope, schedule, or cost information received from the second computer includes actual information; and

the third display page provided to the first computer contains at least a portion of the actual information received from the second computer.

[c14] A method in a computer system for providing information related to a work project to a server computer, the method comprising:

requesting a user interface display page from the server computer;
in response to the request, receiving the user interface display page from the server computer, the user interface display page configured to receive information describing a planned scope, schedule, or cost of the work project;
receiving the planned scope, schedule, or cost information; and
transmitting the received planned scope, schedule, or cost information to the server computer.

[c15] The method of claim 14 wherein the user interface display page is configured to receive information including:

a project title;
a project start date; and
at least one project deliverable, the at least one project deliverable being a discrete work product to be provided as part of the work project.

[c16] The method of claim 14 wherein the user interface display page is configured to receive information including:

a project title;
at least one project deliverable, the at least one project deliverable being a discrete work product to be provided as part of the work project;
and

at least one planned milestone, the at least one planned milestone representing a date related to the delivery of the at least one project deliverable.

[c17] The method of claim 14 wherein the user interface display page is configured to receive information including:

a project title;

at least one project deliverable, the at least one project deliverable being a discrete work product to be provided as part of the work project; and

at least one planned expenditure, the at least one planned expenditure relating to a cost of the at least one project deliverable.

[c18] The method of claim 14 wherein the user interface display page is a first user interface display page, the method further comprising:

requesting a second user interface display page from the server computer;

in response to the request, receiving the second user interface display page from the server computer, the second user interface display page configured to receive information describing an actual scope, schedule, or cost of the work project;

receiving the actual scope, schedule, or cost information; and

transmitting the received actual scope, schedule, or cost information to the server computer.

[c19] The method of claim 18 wherein:

the first user interface display page is configured to receive information including:

at least one project deliverable, the at least one project deliverable being a discrete work product to be provided as part of the work project; and

at least one planned milestone, the at least one planned milestone representing a date related to the delivery of the at least one project deliverable; and

the second user interface display page is configured to receive information including:

at least one actual milestone, the at least one actual milestone representing a date related to the actual delivery of the at least one project deliverable.

[c20] The method of claim 18 wherein:

the first user interface display page is configured to receive information including:

at least one project deliverable, the at least one project deliverable being a discrete work product to be provided as part of the work project; and

at least one planned expenditure, the at least one planned expenditure relating to a planned cost of the at least one project deliverable; and

the second user interface display page is configured to receive information including:

at least one actual expenditure, the at least one actual expenditure relating to an actual cost of the at least one project deliverable.

[c21] The method of claim 18 wherein:

the request for the first user interface display page is sent from a first user computer; and

the request for the second user interface display page is sent from a second user computer different from the first user computer.

[c22] A computer system for providing information related to a work project, the computer system comprising:

means for receiving a first request for a first user interface display page from a first computer;

means for providing the first user interface display page to the first computer in response to the received first request, the first user interface display page being configured to receive information describing a planned scope, schedule, or cost of the work project;

means for receiving the planned scope, schedule, or cost information from the first user computer;

means for storing the received planned scope, schedule, or cost information in a database;

means for receiving a second request for a second display page from a second computer;

means for retrieving at least a first portion of the stored planned scope, schedule, or cost information from the database in response to the received second request;

means for generating the second display page in response to the received second request, the second display page containing at least a second portion of the retrieved planned scope, schedule, or cost information; and

means for providing the second display page to the second computer in response to the received second request.

[c23] The computer system of claim 22 wherein the means for providing the first user interface display page includes means for providing the first user interface display page configured to receive information including:

- a project title;
- a project start date; and
- at least one project deliverable, the at least one project deliverable being a discrete work product to be provided as part of the work project.

[c24] The computer system of claim 22 wherein the means for providing the second display page includes means for providing a second user interface display page configured to receive second information related to the scope, schedule, or cost of the work project, the computer system further comprising:

- means for receiving the second scope, schedule, or cost information from the second computer;
- means for storing the received second scope, schedule, or cost information in the database;
- means for receiving a third request for a third display page from the first computer;
- means for retrieving at least a third portion of the stored second scope, schedule, or cost information from the database in response to the received third request;
- means for generating the third display page, the third display page containing at least a fourth portion of the retrieved second scope, schedule, or cost information; and
- means for providing the third display page to the first computer.

[c25] The computer system of claim 22 wherein:

the second scope, schedule, or cost information received from the second computer includes actual information; and

the third display page provided to the first computer contains at least a portion of the actual information received from the second computer.

[c26] A computer-readable medium whose contents cause a computer system to provide information related to work package documentation, the work package documentation defining aspects of goods and/or services provided by a supplier for a contractor, the information being provided by a method comprising:

- receiving a first request for a first user interface display page from a contractor computer;
- in response to the received first request, providing the first user interface display page to the contractor computer, the first user interface display page being configured to receive information related to a work package document;
- receiving the work package document information from the contractor computer;
- storing the received work package document information in a database;
- receiving a second request for a second display page from a supplier computer; and
- in response to the received second request,
 - retrieving at least a first portion of the stored work package document information from the database;
 - generating the second display page, the second display page containing at least a second portion of the retrieved work package document information; and
 - providing the second display page to the supplier computer.

[c27] The computer-readable medium of claim 26 wherein the work package document is a statement of work.

[c28] The computer-readable medium of claim 26 wherein the work package document is a work schedule.

[c29] The computer-readable medium of claim 26 wherein the work package document is a purchase order.

[c30] The computer-readable medium of claim 26 wherein the first user interface display page is configured to receive first information related to the work package document and the second display page is a second user interface display page configured to receive second information related to the work package document, the method further comprising:

receiving the second work package document information from the supplier computer;

storing the received second work package document information in the database;

receiving a third request for a third display page from the contractor computer; and

in response to the received third request,

retrieving at least a third portion of the stored second work package document information from the database;

generating the third display page, the third display page containing at least a fourth portion of the retrieved second work package document information; and

providing the third display page to the contractor computer.

[c31] The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein:
the work package document is a work schedule;
the second work package document information received from the
supplier computer is work schedule update information; and
the third display page provided to the contractor computer contains at
least a portion of the work schedule update information.

[c32] The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein:
the work package document is a work schedule;
the first work package document information received from the contractor
computer includes planned schedule dates;
the second work package document information received from the
supplier computer includes actual schedule dates; and
the third display page provided to the contractor computer contains at
least a portion of the actual schedule dates received from the
supplier computer.

[c33] The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein:
the work package document is a purchase order;
the second work package document information received from the
supplier computer is purchase order update information; and
the third display page provided to the contractor computer contains at
least a portion of the purchase order update information.

[c34] The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein:
the work package document is a purchase order;
the first work package document information received from the contractor
computer includes planned expenditures;

the second work package document information received from the supplier computer includes actual expenditures; and
the third display page provided to the contractor computer contains at least a portion of the actual expenditures received from the supplier computer.

[c35] A computer-readable medium containing a display page configured to receive information related to a statement of work, the statement of work describing a work project to be performed by a supplier for a contractor, the display page comprising:

- a work scope portion configured to receive one or more task descriptions describing one or more tasks to be performed by the supplier for the contractor as part of the work project;
- a deliverables portion configured to receive one or more work product identifiers identifying one or more work products to be delivered by the supplier for the contractor as part of the work project; and
- a contact field configured to receive the name of an individual who can be contacted for information related to the statement of work.

[c36] The computer-readable medium of claim 35 further comprising:
a statement of work identification field configured to display a statement of work identifier identifying the statement of work; and
a date field configured to display a date related to the statement of work.

[c37] The computer-readable medium of claim 35 further comprising:
a schedule field configured to display a schedule identifier identifying a schedule associated with the statement of work; and

a purchase order field configured to display a purchase order identifier identifying a purchase order associated with the statement of work.

[c38] The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein the deliverables portion is further configured to receive one or more quantities associated with the one or more work products to be delivered by the supplier.

[c39] A computer-readable medium containing a display page configured to receive information related to a work schedule, the work schedule describing schedule aspects of a work project to be performed by a supplier for a contractor, the display page comprising:

- a task description portion configured to receive one or more at least general descriptions of one or more tasks associated with the work project;
- a task schedule portion configured to receive one or more timelines corresponding to the one or more tasks received by the task description portion; and
- a related statement of work field configured to display a statement of work identifier identifying a statement of work that is associated with the work schedule.

[c40] The computer-readable medium of claim 39 wherein the display page further comprises:

- a related purchase order field configured to display a purchase order identifier identifying a purchase order that is associated with the work schedule.

[c41] The computer-readable medium of claim 39 wherein the task schedule portion is further configured to receive one or more milestones, the one or more milestones corresponding to delivery dates for one or more work products associated with the one or more tasks received by the task description portion.

[c42] The computer-readable medium of claim 39 wherein:
the task schedule portion is configured to receive one or more planned timelines and one or more actual timelines corresponding to the one or more tasks received by the task description portion; and
the task schedule portion is further configured to receive one or more planned milestones and one or more actual milestones, the one or more planned milestones corresponding to planned delivery dates for one or more work products associated with the one or more tasks received by the task description portion, the one or more actual milestones corresponding to actual delivery dates for one or more work products associated with the one or more tasks received by the task description portion.

[c43] A computer-readable medium containing a display page configured to receive information related to a purchase order, the purchase order describing authorized expenditures for a work project to be performed by a supplier for a contractor, the display page comprising:

- a least one deliverable field configured to receive a discrete work product to be provided by the supplier for the contractor as part of the work project;
- at least one date field configured to receive a date related to the delivery of the at least one deliverable;

at least one authorized amount field configured to receive an a dollar amount related to a purchase price for the at least one deliverable; and

a related statement of work field configured to display a statement of work identifier identifying a statement of work associated with the purchase order.

[c44] The computer-readable medium of claim 43 further comprising a contact field configured to receive the name of an individual who can be contacted for information related to the purchase order.

[c45] The computer-readable medium of claim 43 further comprising:
a schedule identification field configured to display a schedule identifier identifying a schedule associated with the purchase order; and
a date field configured to display a date related to the purchase order.

[c46] A method in a computer system for coordinating the performance of engineering and/or drafting work related to power generation systems, the engineering and/or drafting work being performed by a foreign supplier for a domestic company, the method comprising:

receiving a first request for a first user interface display page from a first user computer, the first user computer being located at the domestic company;

in response to the received first request, providing the first user interface display page to the first user computer, the first user interface display page being configured to receive information related to a work package document, the work package document being usable

for coordinating the performance of the engineering and/or drafting work;
receiving the work package document information from the first user computer;
storing the received work package document information in a database;
receiving a second request for a second display page from a second user computer, the second user computer being located at the foreign supplier; and
in response to the received second request,
retrieving at least a first portion of the stored work package document information from the database;
generating the second display page, the second display page containing at least a second portion of the retrieved work package document information; and
providing the second display page to the second user computer.

[c47] The method of claim 46 wherein the work package document is a statement of work.

[c48] The method of claim 46 wherein the work package document is a purchase order.